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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 17 April 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

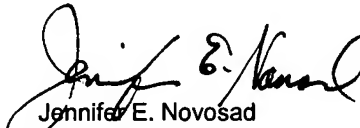
b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

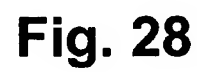
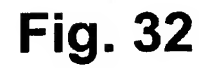
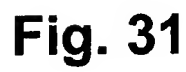
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d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

  
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